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CIO, AFL Back Tunisian Case

WASHINGTON. Wednesday. — The two major trade union organizations in America — the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labour — in a joint statement last night asked the State Department to support the Tunisian movement for independence.

The organization's statement said: "We strongly urge our government to reverse its position, and use its influence to have the French Government grant the Tunisian people genuine home rule so that they can be mobilized for the struggle against Communist aggression and despotism."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said that in the opinion of the State Department airing of the French-Arab controversy would not contribute to its solution.

Answering a question at his press conference he stated that the proper thing to do was to give time for the French and Tunisians to seek a solution.

At the United Nations yesterday the Arab-Asian delegations were awaiting instructions from their governments on bringing the question before a special session of the General Assembly. After the defeat of the Chilean compromise resolution proposing that the Tunisian question be placed on the agenda, but that discussion be deferred until reconciliation had been tried.

Their spokesman, Professor Bokhari said that the Security Council's refusal to debate the Tunisian question merely intensified his group's determination fully to air the Tunisian case in the United Nations.

French Comment
Commenting on developments in Tunisia, the Socialist "Le Populaire" said: "France has just won a pyrrhic victory in the Security Council. She is losing face before the world's public opinion as she has done so often before the people of Tunisia."

"France lost her traditional democratic face and went back to the days of the French Foreign Legion's colonialism. The result of Baccouche has been to make the France which practices the policy of the blind face."

"France's left wing," said Dr. Malan yesterday formally extended an automatic military aid guarantee to West Germany and Italy in an extension of the existing Brussels Pact which links her with France and the Benelux countries.

U.K. to Aid Italy, W. Germany if Attacked

LONDON. Wednesday (Reuter). — Britain yesterday formally extended an automatic military aid guarantee to West Germany and Italy in an extension of the existing Brussels Pact which links her with France and the Benelux countries.

The guarantee will come into effect when the European Army is formally set up.

The proposed treaty provides for mutual military assistance in the event of an attack on either party, Britain on the one hand and the European Defence Community on the other.

A Government White Paper tabled in the House of Commons today said that in response to a request made by the European Army conference in Paris, it had been agreed to conclude such a reciprocal undertaking of the type now existing under the 1948 Brussels Pact.

TORIES BAN RAIL FARE INCREASES

LONDON. Wednesday (Reuter). — The Conservative Government tonight banned a projected increase in fares by the nationalized railways, a few hours before the rise was to be announced.

The new fares involving steep increases were decided after permission had been given by the Transport Tribunal, a State-appointed body which works out when and how fares can go up.

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Britain Maintains Food Import Quotas

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Negev Copper and Iron Mining Included in Development Budget

The opening of copper and iron mines in the Negev, extension of irrigation to cover a further 150,000 dunams, laying down 40,000 dunams of orange groves and increasing the livestock in existing settlements are the main items of the Ministry of Agriculture's Development Budget to be presented to the Knesset next month as part of the Government's over-all Development Budget.

Details learned yesterday show that about a quarter of the Ministry's special budget will be used for the exploitation of water resources, the enlargement of the present water network and the increase of the area under irrigation by 100,000 dunams this agricultural year and by a further 200,000 in the following two years. Allocations will be made to municipalities for the expansion of their water systems.

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Peace Treaty For West Germany To Be Speeded

BONN, Wednesday (AP). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the Allied High Commissioners at an extraordinary meeting today, arranged a speed up schedule for the completion of the peace settlement for West Germany.

Dr. Adenauer also outlined his views to the Commissioners on the latest Soviet proposal for a four-power conference to prepare German unification and national elections.

The American, French and British Commissioners will forward the Chancellor's views to their respective Governments for use.

Sir Ivon Kirkpatrick, the British High Commissioner, later told reporters that he thought the peace settlement granting Germany almost full sovereignty, will be signed by mid-May.

A high American official predicted that the settlement would be completed within two weeks and signed between May 10-30.

The accelerated schedule for completion of the German peace settlement reflected both Allied and German concern over the recent Soviet move to draw the big three Western powers into talks over the future of divided Germany. Both sides feel that the Russians are determined to sabotage the integration of West Germany into the European community as planned by the peace settle-

Two Killed, Three Wounded in Sdom Ambush

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Two persons were killed, one seriously wounded and two others were slightly hurt, when a Palestine Potash works truck was ambushed between Ein Husub and Sdom on Monday afternoon. All occupants of the truck were hit.

The truck was on its way to Beersheba with workers on leave for the holiday when it was fired on from a range of six to seven metres from behind rocks. The driver, Mishka Abramovitz, was killed instantly. A second driver sitting next to him, caught the wheel in time and drove the truck on for another seven kilometres, when it broke down with a puncture.

One of the slightly injured workers, Abu Zaemim, then walked the distance to Ein Husub in three hours, to summon help.

Numerous Tracks

By the time the injured were brought to the Hadassah Hospital here, Yosef Hoffman, 23, had died of his wounds.

Yesterday morning police found numerous rifle shells at the scene of the ambush and tracks of several persons leading over the border.

Mishka Abramovitz, 32, a non-Jew employed by the company, is survived by a wife and five children. The severely wounded man is Frankel El-iahu, 29.

This is the second time a vehicle has been ambushed at this spot. The previous ambush occurred last December 27, when an army officer and a soldier lost their lives and two others were wounded.

Israel Soldier Killed By Egyptian Patrol

CAPETOWN, Wednesday (AP). — Opposition leader J. Strauss yesterday accused Dr. Malan's Government of "flouting the law of land" by its refusal to accept the Supreme Court's judgment that the separate representation of coloured voters act is invalid.

Speaking in the House of Assembly during the budget debate, Mr. Strauss warned Dr. Malan that if he "continued this course there would be anarchy and revolution in the country. The United Party would fight this action with all the vigour and energy at its disposal."

When a Government member interjected "Is this a threat?" Mr. Strauss replied: "Yes."

Not Threatened

Mr. Strauss described the Government's explanation that the bill was necessary to save white civilization as "untrue." "White civilization was never threatened by this handful of coloured voters."

He accused the Government of having broken the "most solemn and honourable pledges" and said that the United Party saw no room for compromise on this issue — and warned that it will "fight it to its ultimate conclusion."

Mr. Strauss replied: "Yes."

Ministers Pledged

The diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" said today it was extremely difficult for Britain to acknowledge Egypt's claim to sovereignty over the Sudan without appearing to alter the Sudan's status and break past pledges.

DEAD FROM WOUNDS IN NAZARETH CLASH

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Na'ameh Kassem Abu Ahmed, 45, of Nazareth, who was wounded in Monday's clashes there, succumbed to his injuries last night, reportedly without regaining consciousness. His funeral in Nazareth during curfew hours at noon today passed off quietly.

The curfew was lifted for the funeral in the eastern part of the town, where the cemetery is situated and 200 persons attended. Communists brought a wreath to the cemetery, but the dead man's family refused to let them place it on his grave.

No change has been announced in the condition of the other wounded.

So far six men suspected of participating in the clashes have been detained and identified by police. There is to be a magistrate tomorrow. Police believe that the clash broke out "accidentally." The curfew quiet now.

On Tuesday the curfew was lifted for two hours after noon to permit residents to buy food.

The Military Governor has met the heads of the Moslem and Christian communities and discussed with them measures to restore the town to normal and to prevent similar outbreaks in the future.

Curfew Relaxed

The curfew has been lifted for the hours between 2:30 and 6:30 in the afternoon, since no incidents had been reported for 24 hours, it was announced today.

Spring Atomic Blast in Nevada

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Wednesday (Reuter). — The second blast of the Spring atomic bomb series flashed brilliantly yesterday over the Nevada proving grounds. It was plainly visible in Las Vegas, some 130 kilometres from the point of the explosion.

Ike Beats Taft in New Jersey

NEWARK, New Jersey, Wednesday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower has scored a clear victory in the Republican presidential primary election in the State of New Jersey. Final results show that the General received 150,000 more votes than Senator Taft.

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Truman Flies Over West Flood Areas

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Meanwhile, the news of Governor of Illinois, Mr. Adlai Stevenson's decision not to accept nomination for President, has started speculation here as to whether President Truman might not change his mind about standing for re-election if the Democratic National Convention, which meets in Chicago in July, calls for him.

Stevenson's refusal coming one day before Mr. Averell Harriman is to be feted as the guest of honour at a Democrat dinner in New York, has caused some observers to conclude that he had been the most likely choice for nomination.

Red Cross workers are aided by more than 3,000 volunteers and 40 shelters have been opened for the homeless. The flooded areas in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota have been declared disaster areas and are eligible to receive emergency loans.

In St. Paul, Minnesota, the Mississippi River reached its highest crest on record today, driving 3,000 persons from their homes and causing damage estimated at about \$10m.

The waters are now rushing down river towards other Minnesota towns and flooding is predicted along the Wisconsin-Minnesota border, down

to Iowa.

President Truman is today conferring with the Governors of Illinois, South and North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Minnesota, on measures to be taken to deal with the floods disaster.

(Reuter U.P.)

Truman May Grant Steel Wage Claim To Avert Strike

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Truman today prepared to go over the heads of the steel industry and grant pay rises to 650,000 steel workers.

After the collapse of the Government sponsored talks between management and labour last night, the Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, at present running the \$3,000 industry for the President, said: "I shall proceed promptly but not precipitately to consider the terms and conditions of employment as I was instructed to do."

Steel chiefs, fiercely fighting Government seizure of the industry prompted by a threatened strike on April 8, today ordered lawyers to seek an immediate court order to restrain payment of wage increases from the industry's funds.

More than one hundred of America's leading industrialists, backing their campaign, said in a statement yesterday that Truman's action was "a step which places the freedom of every American in jeopardy."

Observers here today did not expect the Government to grant the Union's demand for a closed shop which the Wage Stabilization Board touched on only to recommend that employers and the Union should negotiate a "form" of closed shop.

Moscow Talks Aimed At West's Defence

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — The Soviet Union's current offers to buy luxury goods from the West was an attempt to try to obtain strategic military items. Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, told his weekly press conference today.

The outcome of the Moscow conference confirmed that it was intended as an effort to hamper the Western defense build-up, he said, and added the belief that the U.S.S.R. had not in any way succeeded in carrying out this purpose.

Mr. Acheson's denunciation of the Moscow conference came in reply to questions as to whether the U.S. was more prepared than before to negotiate differences with Russia. He discounted suggestions that there had been a recent increase in the Moscow "peace offensive" by noting that the Communists continue to press charges that the U.S. is waging germ warfare in Korea.

GREEK PARTY DIFFERENCES SETTLED

ATHENS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Government Party and the Greek Rally opposition concluded a truce last night.

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The leading Arabic paper "Al Ahram" said today responsible circles consider the future of Anglo-Egyptian relations depends largely on whether Ambassador Amr Pasha can induce Britain to reconsider her attitude towards the problems which have led to the present impasse. These circles referred particularly to "seeking a satisfactory basis for solution of the Sudan problem."

The paper added "It is pointed out that the exploratory talks had led to the British side agreeing to recognize the principles of evacuation after Egypt had undertaken to ensure adequate defence under her own responsibility in conjunction with the Sudan's status and break past pledges."

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The meeting, which was believed to have been concerned with the forthcoming defence talks between Spain and the U.S., began last night and continued this morning. Tangier is also believed to have been involved.

Spain and Portugal are linked in mutual defence under the 1943 Iberian Pact.

IGOR STRAVINSKY TO CONDUCT HIS OWN OPERA

THE Premiere of "Oedipus Rex" by Igor Stravinsky will be one of the highlights of the Paris Festival.

Five members of the Binyanei Ha'ouma Association have been invited to take a free trip to the Paris Festival.

Buy your share for IL 10 by May 5 and participate in the draw. Shares are available in all banks, travel agencies and the special Binyanei Ha'ouma agents throughout the country.

Locusts 'Infiltrating'

While the prevailing westerly wind over Israel is keeping off the locust swarms still hovering over Transjordan, a few of them have been "infiltrating." Four locusts were handed to the police yesterday.

The locusts were found in Holon and the fourth in Hod Hasharon.

Mr. Avner traced the developments at the talks that led to the crisis over the German efforts to scale down the reparations to \$750m. instead of the \$1,000m. demanded by Israel; to include this sum within the general framework of German debts to the occupying Powers; and to spread

